Please amend the abstract on page 26 as follows:

ABSTRACT

A mine transportation management system capable of reducing cost by reducing the number of transportation vehicles is provided. For this purpose, the system includes a plurality of self-propelled vehicles and a plurality of vessels each having <u>a</u> communication <u>means</u> <u>section</u>, <u>and each</u> being identifiable, which are connectable to and separable from each other. $\overline{}$, $\overline{}$ loading machine having $\underline{}$ communication means, a processing facility, and a management center having communication means section, which loads an object into at least one of the vessels. The A management center, which has a communication section, selects a vessel to be transported and selects a self-propelled vehicle for transporting the selected vessel based on a transportation demand signal from the a processing facility, and transmits a transportation command signal to the selected self-propelled vehicle to connect to the selected vessel and to travel to the processing facility.